

### REMARKS

As a preliminary matter, the Applicants respectfully thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 1-7, 25, and 26 recite allowable subject matter.

**I. 35 U.S.C. § 102: Claims 20-22 and 24**

To expedite the prosecution of this application claims 20-22 and 24 have been cancelled without prejudice. The Applicants reserve the right to prosecute claims 20-22 and/or 24 in a continuing application. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully assert that these rejections have been obviated by appropriate amendment.

**II. 35 U.S.C. §103: Claim 27**


To expedite the prosecution of this application claim 27 has been cancelled without prejudice. The Applicants reserve the right to prosecute claim 27 in a continuing application. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully assert that this rejection has been obviated by appropriate amendment.

**III. Conclusion**

In view of the above amendments and remarks, the Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at (312) 222-8123 if any issues can be resolved by phone.

Respectfully submitted,

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